

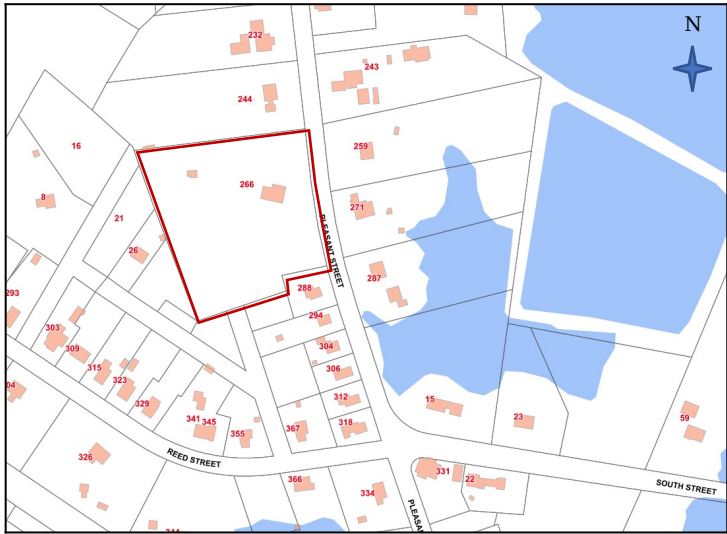
# FORM B - BUILDING

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COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

## Photograph



## Locus Map



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**Organization:** Hanson Historical Commission

**Date** (*month / year*): June 2018

Assessor's Number    USGS Quad    Area(s)    Form  
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**Town/City:** Hanson

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*):

**Address:** 266 Pleasant Street

**Historic Name:** Warren and Rachel Bourne  
House

**Uses:** Present: Single-Family  
Residential  
Original: Single-Family Residential

**Date of Construction:** ca. 1813

**Source:** White's History, Plan 8 No. 37 Page  
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**Style/Form:** Cape

**Architect/Builder:** Unknown

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Stone

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingle/Wood

Roof: Metal

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

Stone walls along north side of property

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*): Central  
chimney replaced and metal replacement roof

**Condition:** Good

**Moved:** no ☒    yes ☐    **Date:**

**Acreage:** 2.72 Acres

**Setting:** Located on a rural roadway which  
connects Main Street to the Monponsett area at  
the south end of Hanson and is characterized by  
single family homes on large, open residential  
lots.

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☒ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

The one-and-a-half story Cape style house has a standing seam metal gable roof with a narrow corbeled brick chimney that extends just beyond the center of the roof ridge. The house sits at an angle to the street on a lot which gradually slopes down to the north and east. While the Assessor's map and aerial views of the property show a cross gable addition to the west façade, this is hidden behind the original structure and is not visible from the public way. The house is wood shingle sided with wood trim and has retained its original two-over-two double hung windows. The roof of the house extends just far enough beyond the gable façades to accommodate a band of wood trim at the eaves over a narrow cornice board while on the gable-end facades, the roof stops flush with the facades and a band of wood molding surrounds the pediment above the corner boards.

The house faces east and sits at an angle to the road with its northeast corner closest to Pleasant Street. The building has a symmetrical front facade with two windows to either side of the center entrance. The wide window frames extend up into the cornice along the top edge of the wall as does the door frame which has a wide wood board surround. The door is a solid vertical wood board door which no longer appears to be in use as one of the several evergreen bushes that line the east façade of the house is planted directly in front of it. These large and dense foundation plantings continue around the north façade as well, with the largest one completely covers the northeast corner of the building. The angle of the house on the lot and the dense vegetation to its south completely obscures the south façade from the public way. The north façade is also difficult to see because of the large evergreen bushes surrounding the building but a single window in the right side of the gable-end can be seen from the road.

The dense vegetation to the south and west of the lot, the tall foundation plantings, and the larger bushes and trees scattered around the small grass yard give the impression that the house is located in a small clearing in the woods. An unpaved driveway runs along the north side of the site and behind the house. A fieldstone wall runs along the northern edge of the driveway.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

According to White's History of Hanson, this house was built by Warren Bourne (also spelled Boarn and Bourn) for his own occupancy in 1725. However, this timeline does not quite match up with the history of the Bourne family. While Warren Bourne (1791-1845) did own and live in the house, he most likely purchased the house from his father, Abel Bourne (1751-1822), around the time of his marriage to Rachel Bonney in 1813. Deed research shows that Warren assembled an estate in South Hanson between 1813-1815 that included the buildings and family dwelling. Abel Bourne was also born in Pembroke as was his wife, Deborah, and was the son of Josiah Bourne and Sarah Fish, who married in 1748. It is possible that Josiah built the house at that time, or he may have inherited it as well as he was also born in Pembroke. Given the style and character of the house, it is equally possible that the house was built by Josiah Bourne in or around 1725, Abel Bourn around the 1740s, or

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Warren Bourne around 1813. Further onsite research would be necessary to better pinpoint the date of construction.

Warren Bourne was a farmer and lived on Pleasant Street, then known as Cedar Street, in South Hanson for much of his life. In 1824, he sold the property to Henry Josselyn and George Howard.<sup>1</sup> By the 1830 Smith Map, the property is shown as belonging to "S. Briggs", most likely Seth Briggs, but it is not clear how the land was transferred to him. He may have rented the property for some time before purchasing it, as the only deed to Seth Briggs for this property does not appear until 1841, at which point Seth Briggs bought the house and land from Charles and Lucy Munroe in a deed that references the former Warren Bourne homestead.<sup>2</sup>

Seth Briggs (1767-1847) was born in Halifax to John and Abigail Briggs and worked as a farmer. He and his wife, Molly, had moved to Hanson from Maine with their son, Zalmon Briggs (1798-1848), who married Mary Briggs (same last name) in 1819. Their son, Seth Miller Briggs, (1825-1919) would go on to inherit the family farm. Seth married Caroline E. Hill in Hanson in 1853, the same year that he inherited the property from his grandfather's estate. Seth was a musician and violinist who also constructed and repaired violins professionally and served in the Civil War as a private in Company A, 3<sup>rd</sup> Massachusetts Infantry.<sup>3</sup> In 1875, Seth sold a portion of his property to Amos Shaw Reed (1804-1886) of Abington and Rockland.<sup>4</sup> Amos Reed was a farmer and lumber salesman and may have purchased the property more for its associated cedar swamp than the house itself. He does not appear to have lived in Hanson during his ownership of the site, and in 1877 sold the house, which was noted in the deed to be the homestead of Zalmon Briggs, deceased, to Thomas G. and Mary Fuller.<sup>5</sup> "T.G. Fuller" is noted as the owner of the house on the 1879 Walker Atlas and White's History notes that Thomas Fuller was living here at that time. This same map shows that Seth Briggs did not move far after selling the family homestead, as "S.M. Briggs" is listed as the owner of the adjacent house to the north on both this map and the 1903 Richards Atlas.

Thomas G. Fuller (b. 1846) of Halifax had married Mary Briggs, daughter of Seth M. and Caroline Briggs, in 1872. A carpenter and housewright, the couple are listed as living in the house for over twenty years. In 1897, the Fullers sold the house to the heirs of Edward P. Reed, a Civil War Veteran who had died in Abington, in 1894. His wife, Georgianna, and children moved into the house on Pleasant Street sometime before 1903, when the Richard Atlas of that year lists the house as belonging to A.B. Reed. Arthur Burgess Reed (1867-1935), was the eldest son of Civil War veteran Edward Payson Reed (1836-1894) and Georgina Spencer Loud. The Reeds sold the property that same year to Walter Calder, who owned the house for only two years before selling it again to Paul C. Fluent.<sup>6</sup> Paul Fluent (1853-1920) is listed on the 1910 U.S. Census as a grocery store salesman and a widower who boarded with Mary E. Fuller, the owner of the grocery store, and her son, George E. Fuller, who was the foreman of a shoe factory. This unusual arrangement, where the boarder and employee owned the building, was amended in 1912 when Fluent sold the house to Mary E. Fuller on the condition that he would have a life tenancy at the property.<sup>7</sup> Mary continued to live here until 1930, when she sold the house to Archangelo Silvestri(1895-1974).<sup>8</sup> Silvestri had immigrated from Italy and worked as the foreman for a reflector company. He lived here with his wife, Jennie, and five children for nearly fifty years. After his death, Jennie remained on the property until 1980. During the Silvestri's residence, the property appears to have been divided into several different house lots, some with existing buildings, which were then sold separately during the 1970s and 1980s.

<sup>1</sup> Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 148, page 171

<sup>2</sup> Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 205, Page 255

<sup>3</sup> Obituary at <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/176618025/seth-miller-briggs>

<sup>4</sup> Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 411, Page 183

<sup>5</sup> Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 448, Page 210

<sup>6</sup> Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 738, Page 563; Book 920, Page 96

<sup>7</sup> Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 1128, Page 530

<sup>8</sup> Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 1588, Page 476

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Each lot went through several owners during this period. Current owners David and Katherine Nason have owned the property since at least 1992.

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### National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:

- ☒ Individually eligible ☐ Eligible **only** in a historic district
- ☐ Contributing to a potential historic district ☐ Potential historic district

Criteria: ☒ **A** ☐ **B** ☒ **C** ☐ **D**Criteria Considerations: ☐ **A** ☐ **B** ☐ **C** ☐ **D** ☐ **E** ☐ **F** ☐ **G**Statement of Significance by Lara Kritzer

*The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.*

The ca. 1813 Cape style house is eligible for individual listing on the National Register under Criteria A for its association with the early settlement of Plymouth County and Massachusetts, and development of Hanson as a separate town. The house is also eligible under Criteria C as it is one of the earliest surviving buildings in this section of hanson and has remained in its original location with both its setting and original architectural character intact despite two centuries of use and alteration. The house embodies the distinctive character of early nineteenth century architecture and illustrates how these homes were expanded and adapted over time to meet the changing needs of their residents. Additional information on the building's interior will also be needed for the Massachusetts Historical Commission to substantiate its National Register eligibility.